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1. SMA has issued orders to the Administration of the State of Saxony that 60% of all trucks and passenger cars are to be requisitioned and that gasoline is to be reduced by more than two-thirds. Officials have announced that both of these measures are solely for the benefit of the Red Army. The SED is reported to have attributed the gas reduction to the fact that the Leuna works are producing less gas and more fertilizer, and that the cars which are to be requisitioned are to be taken apart and used for spare parts.

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2. [] the Gasoline Distribution Section in Gera has received orders calling for the requisition of 80% of the trucks and passenger cars which are still in private hands. Such vehicles are to be saved for the Red Army. Gasoline is allotted only on the basis of trip-permits from the Fahrberetschaft (Motor Pool). Such a permit is required for each individual trip. An exception is made for high government officials, SED functionaries, and employees of the Red Army, who receive permits which are good for a certain period of time.

3. [] 1 September all gasoline for German vehicles was cut off. As of 15 September, all vehicles had to have trip-permits for each individual trip; each permit cost RM 10-20. [] it is believed that about one-half of the vehicles in the Russian Zone will disappear from the roads. The Police Office in Chemnitz received orders for the requisitioning of large numbers of German vehicles as of 8 September 1946 and all tires and tubes of automobiles deadlined by this order were to be requisitioned.

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